

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Alexandre Drobychev, *et al.* ) Group Art Unit: Not Yet  
) Assigned  
Application No. 09/ )  
) Examiner: Not Yet  
Filed: December 19, 2001 ) Assigned  
)  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF )  
COMMERCE SOFTWARE )  
APPLICATIONS )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 27-33 as follows.

Claim 27, line 1, change "27." to -- 26. --,

Claim 28, line 1, change "28." to -- 27. --,

Claim 29, line 1, change "29." to -- 28. --,

Claim 30, line 1, change "30." to -- 29. --,

Claim 31, line 1, change "31." to -- 30. --,

Claim 32, line 1, change "32." to -- 31. --, and

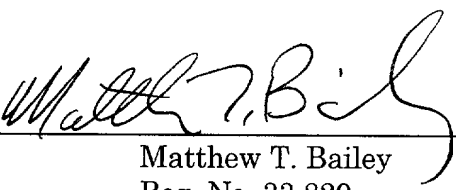
Claim 33, line 1, change "33." to -- 32. --.

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to renumber claims 27-33 to place them in proper format. No new matter is being introduced by this amendment and is respectfully requested that the above amendment be examined on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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